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Docket No.: 52775-025



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Masahiro NAKAYAMA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6895
Application No.: 10/665,483 : Group Art Unit: 1772
Filed: September 22, 2003 : Examiner: Alexander S. Thomas
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For: NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AND METHOD OF PROCESSING NITRIDE SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I, to which claims 1 through 11 are drawn, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

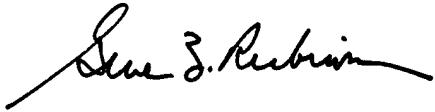
The Office Action characterizes claim 12 as being drawn to an invention unrelated to the fiber characteristics measuring method of Group I for the reason that the recited method of claim 12 of winding an optical fiber on a bobbin can be applied to the art of sewing. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully solicited.

The arts of optical fiber measurement and sewing are clearly different and unrelated technical fields. No practitioner in either field would consider sewing with an optical fiber. More significantly, the method of rewinding an optical fiber on a bobbin of claim 12 is indeed related to the method of Group I, as evidenced by claim 7, which requires that the optical fiber be wound on a bobbin.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the requirement for restriction and examination of all claims are respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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